



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. Box 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Paper No.

Brian M. Hoffman
FENWICK & WEST LLP
Silicon Valley Center
801 California Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

In re Application of:
Eric D. Schneider
Application No. 09/856,331
Filed: July 10, 2000
For: DISK STORAGE DEFRAGMENTATION

MAILED
OCT 14 2004
Technology Center 2100

DECISION ON REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY
OR AGENT

This is a decision on the Request To Withdraw from Representation filed September 28, 2004.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.

The request filed September 28, 2004 meets all the requirements. Accordingly the request is **GRANTED**.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant. This correspondence address is provided by the withdrawn attorney(s). Applicant is reminded of the obligation to promptly notify the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) of any change in correspondence address to ensure receipt of all communications from the Office.

701 James R. Malbrett
Vincent N. Trans
Special Program Examiner
Technology Center 2100
Computer Architecture, Software, and
Information Security
703-305-9750

cc: SONNENSCHIL NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP
685 Market Street, 6th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105